



November 15th, 2007

Dear Resident of Los Altos Hills,

You have probably noticed the activities on the Bullis-Purissima Elementary School ("B-P") campus, where our students will attend a newly-constructed, state-of-the-art elementary school starting in the fall of 2008. Just as important as the renovation of those facilities, for the first time students from both the PAUSD and LASD sides of our town will be able to attend an LAH elementary school on a predictable and routine basis.

To educate our residents about the opening of the new B-P and the registration process, we will be conducting a **Public Education Forum** on **Tuesday, December 4th, 2007** from **7-8:30 PM** at **Town Hall**. The superintendents of both PAUSD and LASD have confirmed their participation and will present information and answer your questions.

The reopening of B-P gives all of our residents the potential to attend a single neighborhood elementary school. This is the culmination of effort by many residents and the school districts to help give LAH this opportunity.

As we all know, our town is split between school districts. The "northern" side of Town is served by Palo Alto Unified (PAUSD, K-12) and, on the "southern" portion, we are served by the combination of Los Altos School District (LASD, K-8) and Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District (MVLA, 9-12). We are pleased that LASD is planning to reopen B-P as a neighborhood K-6 school, beginning in the fall of 2008. Through continued dialog since the failed attempt to form our own district, Bullis-Purissima will open as a community asset for our entire town, *including those LAH residents living in the areas served by PAUSD.*

Students in the LASD-defined attendance area will naturally attend Bullis-Purissima –this attendance area will include the old LAH B-P attendance area plus a section of the current Santa Rita attendance area in Los Altos, referred to now as the Yerba Santa Triangle. We also want you to be aware of the basic concepts of the agreements that will allow PAUSD students living in LAH to attend the new B-P School:

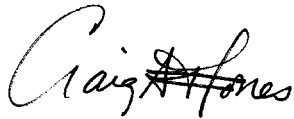
1. Both LASD and PAUSD recognize the value of B-P as a neighborhood school serving their students in LAH and contiguous parts of Los Altos.
2. PAUSD has agreed to provide up to a 7-year release to its LAH students who wish to attend B-P, followed by matriculation back to PAUSD for 6th grade on an equal footing with its students graduating from Nixon, for example. Students may also stay at B-P for their 6th grade, if that is desired.
3. LASD welcomes students from the PAUSD side of LAH to the new school and both districts are in the process of finalizing their respective internal regulations which will support the special Inter-District Transfers (IDTs) to be offered to PAUSD students from the Hills.
4. Should LASD become a “basic-aid” (aka “locally-funded”) district in the future, PAUSD will provide an agreed-upon amount of funding to follow those students during each year they attend B-P. This was accomplished by an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the districts, which was finalized on October 23, 2007.

The special internal regulations and funding MOU represent breakthroughs for LAH and the districts. The Los Altos Hills Education Committee continues to work with the districts to insure that the IDT process from PAUSD to B-P will be routine and predictable.

This series of events represents an exciting educational opportunity for all of Los Altos Hills and is an important moment in our history. We will continue to work with the districts to make the new B-P a success and a permanent resource for all of Los Altos Hills.

Please mark your calendars to attend the forum on December 4th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A.T. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" at the beginning.

Craig A.T. Jones, Mayor